

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2887 - SB 3486

February 11, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective January 1, 2011, the damages awarded to the plaintiff of a medical malpractice case for noneconomic losses are limited to an aggregate total of \$1,000,000. Defines “noneconomic losses” as damages for physical and emotional pain and suffering, inconvenience, discomfort, physical impairment, mental anguish, disfigurement, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of society and companionship, loss of consortium, injury to reputation, punitive damages, and all non-pecuniary losses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The provisions of the bill could lead to medical malpractice insurance companies filing revised rate forms with the Department of Commerce and Insurance for review.
- Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increase appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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